

# 91st Illinois General Assembly

## Senate Transcript

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

77th Legislative Day

February 22, 2000

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? And will our guests in the gallery please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Dr. Reginald Mills, Central Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Dr. Mills.

DR. REGINALD MILLS:

(Prayer by Dr. Reginald Mills)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Hawkinson. Reading of the Journal. Senator Hawkinson -- or, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, February 16, and Tuesday, February 15, the year 2000.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Hawkinson moves the approval of the Journals just read. There being no objections, so ordered. Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Thursday, February 17th, in the year 2000, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

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Senator Hawkinson moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journals, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1943, offered by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill 1944, offered by Senator Mitchell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 300, offered by Senators Emil Jones and Philip and all Members.

Senate Resolution 301, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

They are both death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. Introduction of Bills.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1942, offered by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3059, offered by Senators Noland and Jacobs {sic} (Dillard and L. Walsh).

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3271, offered by Senator Sullivan.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4144, offered by Senators Dillard and Larry Walsh {sic} (Noland and Jacobs).

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

On behalf of Senator Rauschenberger, the Appropriations Committee Chairman has canceled the meeting for -- for today and will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock or immediately following the Session. The Senate will stand in recess until the hour of 4 o'clock.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will please come to order. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 2947, 2949, 2970, 3126, 3205, 3286,  
3293, 3558, 3859 and 3880.

We have a like Message on House Bills -- 2979, 3119 and 3180.  
All passed the House, February 22nd, 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions Consent Calendar. We will now proceed to the  
Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there  
been any objections filed to any of the resolutions on the Consent

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Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the question is,  
shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All  
those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The  
motion carries. The resolutions are adopted. Senator Watson, for  
what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Just an announcement in  
regard to one of our Members, Dave Luechtefeld, who is ill today.

I spoke to him on the phone, and I can tell you firsthand he is very ill. So he is not going to be here today, and I'd just like the record to reflect that, if it would.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate.

SENATOR WATSON:

Now I'd like -- I'd like to make an announcement, if I could.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Make the announcement.

SENATOR WATSON:

Tomorrow morning the Regional Commerce and Growth Association of St. Louis is sponsoring a breakfast in the Rathskeller from 7:30 to 9:30 and all Members of the Senate and the House are invited, and I think -- might as well just go ahead and say the staff's invited also. So -- whoever would like to come down to breakfast tomorrow morning in the Rathskeller, it's on the Regional Commerce and Growth Association of St. Louis. 7:30 to 9:30.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you, Senator. If there's no further business to come

before the Senate, if not, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m., Wednesday, February 23rd, the year 2000.

